



ALMY WOULD ABOLISH THE SHIPPING OFFICE

A strong recommendation that the United States Shipping Commissioner's office in Honolulu be closed, and the duties turned over to the Collector of Customs, has been made to the Bureau of Navigation at Washington by Commissioner Almy; and representations have also been made in the same manner to Governor Frear and to Delegate Kalaniana'ole. Shipping Commissioner Almy wrote his bureau about it last October, but has heard nothing since.

He bases his recommendations on the ground that the office, conducted on the fee system, is not a paying one to any man who has not a private income. Mr. Almy has conducted the office with hardly any salary to himself, but as he was appointed to the office and likes the duties and is taking a philanthropic interest in seamen, he continues to hold down the job. A man without a side income could not possibly keep the position. For instance, from July 1 to November 1, 1908, the fees amounted to only \$146.

For this pitiful fee allowance the work is considerable. In his report of the year's work, the Shipping Commissioner showed that 20,000 seamen had passed through his jurisdiction and the tonnage of vessels represented more than half a million. The Shipping Commissioner has staffed off numerous differences between sailors and masters and prevented matters from getting into the courts and thus saved the government and the sailors considerable money. He is considered one

LOCAL OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU

Honolulu, Tuesday, January 5, 1909.

Time	Barom.	THERMO.		24 hour Rainfall.	Average Temperature of Surface of Earth.	Average Direction.	Average Force.
		Min.	Max.				
1900	30.85	77	59	.06	78	S E	5
1901	30.86	83	65	.02	72	S W	5
1902	30.86	76	71	.01	70	S E	5
1903	30.86	74	66	.05	62	S E	5
1904	30.12	78	74	.08	72	N E	5
1905	29.87	75	58	.06	65	S E	5
1906	30.09	77	61	.06	62	S E	5
1907	29.88	77	63	.72	58	S E	11
1908	30.08	79	66	.72	70	N E	5
1909	3.02	74	62	.06	64	S E	5
1910	29.99	76	64	.03	70	N E	5